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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/786,959	Applicant(s) TOREKI ET AL.	
	Examiner James W. Rogers	Art Unit 1618	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 February 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 60,61 and 63-72 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 60,61 and 63-72 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 60-61, 63-72 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Batich et al. (US 2002/0177828) in view of Schoenfeldt et al. (US 2002/0172708) and in further view of Voorhees et al. (US 2004/0235950 A1).

Batich discloses a wound dressing comprised of a substrate covalently bonded to polyionic polymers including vinyl or allyl monomers containing quaternary ammonium groups. See Abstr., [0050] lin 1-5, [0060] lin 1-4, claims 1, 12-14. Regarding claims 67 and 71 the limitation that the polyionic polymer is diallyldimethylammonium chloride is met because the application discloses the use of diallyldimethylammonium salts where

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Y⁻ is an acceptable anionic counterion, Cl⁻ would be an obvious acceptable anionic counterion. See claim 14. Regarding claims 68 and 72 the limitation that the substrate further comprises a hemostatic agent is met because the patent discloses the inclusion of hemostatic agents. See [0064].

Batich does not disclose specifically the use of metalloproteinase inhibitors such as GM 1489.

Schoenfeldt discloses the preparation of a non-fibrous porous material in which an absorbing article contains polyionic polymers with polycationic groups such as amines and/or pharmaceutical medicaments (including metalloproteinase inhibitors such as ilomastat or ethylene diamine tetraacetic acid). See [001], [0027] and [0055]. It is obvious that since the Schoenfeldt application describes the use of polycationic polymers with amine groups and metalloproteinase inhibitors the ionic interaction between the inhibitor and the polyionic polymer would be the same.

Voorhees discloses compositions and methods for use against acne-induced inflammation and describes the use of ilomastat and GM 1489. See abstr, and [0049].

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the claimed invention was made to combine the art described in the documents above because Batich discloses a wound dressing comprising all of the ingredients claimed by applicant except the use of metalloproteinase inhibitors while Schoenfeldt discloses an absorbing article containing polyionic polymers and metalloproteinase inhibitors and Voorhees discloses acne treatment comprising GM 1489. The motivation to combine the three documents above would be a method for the treatment of skin wounds

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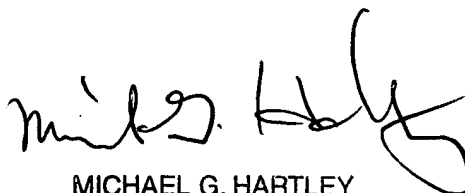
comprised of contacting skin with a substrate covalently bonded to polyionic polymers ionically associated with metalloproteinase inhibitors such as GM 1489. Thus, the claimed invention, taken as a whole was *prima facie* obvious over the combined teachings of the prior art.

Conclusion

No claims are allowed. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James W. Rogers whose telephone number is (571) 272-7838. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mike Hartley can be reached on (571) 272-0616. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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